

J. R. Race & Co.'s FREE GIFT DISTRIBUTION.

1886---1887.



Every purchaser of \$5.00 worth of merchandise from our large stock of CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, &c., will be entitled to One Share in our Eighth Annual Free Gift Distribution, to be drawn March 5, 1887, comprising the following:

One \$25 Double-barrel Brush-loading Shot Gun, from E. C. Reese, wholesale and retail dealers in sporting goods, Wabash, Mo.
One \$10 Youth's Suit.
One \$8 Youth's Overcoat.
One \$7 Boy's Suit.
One \$7 Boy's Overcoat.
One \$6 Silk Hat.
One \$5 Child's Overcoat.
One \$5 Silk Umbrella.
One \$5 Child's Suit.
One \$5 Child's Hat.
One \$5 Child's Bag Valve and Strap.
One \$5 Zino Trunk.
One \$5 Barrel Flour, from D. S. Shellabarger & Co.
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One \$5 dozen Fine Shirts.
One \$1 Soft Hat.
One \$5 pair Pants.
One fine Meersbaum Pipe, from Fred Norman's celebrated Ten-Chair Barber Shop.
One \$50 Stiff Hat.
One \$5 dozen E. & W. Linen Collars and Cuffs.
One \$5 dozen fancy Lisle Thread 1/2 Hose.
Twenty-five Prizes, each consisting of One fine Gold-plated Toilet Set, from Henry Smith, the druggist.
One \$1000 Accumulator, from C. R. Prosser, the expert dealer, the celebrated Business Bros. Piano always in stock.
One \$1500 Man's Suit.
One \$1000 Zino Trunk.
One \$1000 pair Pants to order.
One Quadruple-plated Silver Oak Barrel, from O. E. Curtis & Co., the best jeweler.
One \$10 Man's Overcoat.
One \$10 Youth's Overcoat.
One fine Gold-plated Toilet Set, from Henry Smith, the druggist.

J. R. RACE & CO.
Clothing and Furnishers,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

WM. YOUNG.

CARL YOUNG.

YOUNG BROS.

HAYN OPENED THEIR

NEW MEAT MARKET,

North Side of Park,

And are prepared to furnish the very best

Fresh and Cured Meats,

LARD ETC.

SPORTSMEN'S CLOTHING

CORDUROY
MACKINTOSHCANVAS COATS,
Hats, Caps, Cartridge
Bags, Gun Cases,
Cartridge Belts
and Game Bags,
Also, a GENERAL LINE OF
SPORTING GOODS

Agents for the PARKER

BROS' Celebrated Shot

Guns, Remington &

Sons' Shotguns and Rifles,
Winchester Repeating Rifles

AND

ORIENTAL POWDER.

Try our New Brand of

Oriental Wing Shot

Powder.

Gunsmithing a Specialty.

H. MUELLER & SONS,
138 Merchant Street.

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FRENCH'S HOTEL
City Hall Square, NEW YORK.

Opposite City Hall and the Post Office.
This Hotel is one of the most complete in the appointments and furniture of ANY Hotel in New York City, and is conducted on the highest plan.
EUROPEAN PLAN.
Rooms only One Dollar per day. Half meals at 10 cts. All kinds of Cakes and Confectionery at 10 cts. per doz. Most convenient Hotel in New York for those who wish to stay at the Hotel, and who desire the most comfortable and luxurious accommodations.
July 29 & 30 & 31 & 1st Aug.

HAVE YOU Tried BIG CAN

Baking Powder?

**THE DECATUR
Gas Light & Coke Co.**

IN HEADQUARTERS FOR

COKE AND TAR,

Coke Delivered to any part of the city on short notice.

GIVE IT A TRIAL.

R. J. STRATTON, Supt.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—In warm weather refrigerator closets should be washed with soda and warm water once or twice a week.—*The Household.*

—Cream cures sunburn on some complexions, lemon juice is best on others, and cold water cures still others best.—*Exchange.*

—When moss is found on the bark of fruit trees, scrape it off, wash the bark with weak lye, loosen the soil round the roots, and manure.—*Boston Post.*

—Rubber bands for cans may be renewed, after they have become apparently stiff and useless, by laying them in a mixture of ammonia and water over night.—*N. Y. Examiner.*

—Hartshorn applied to the stings of poisonous insects will allay the pain and stop the swelling, or apply oil of sassafras which is better. Bee-stings should be treated in this way.—*Prairie Farmer.*

—An Indiana farmer has noticed that where swine are fed plenty of apples disease is unknown, and mentions cases where diseased animals were allowed access to the refuse of a cider mill and recovered. He thinks the acid of the fruit proved a correction for the diseased livers of the animals.

—To keep the worms out of your hives, keep only Italian bees and keep your colonies strong. If one is weak, built it up by putting in a brood from strong hives. Pay no attention to the devices for catching moths. If your hives are Italian and are kept strong, the moths can give no trouble.—*Love Homestead.*

—Smoked beef with sauce: Cut the beef as thin as possible and pour boiling water over it; let it stand for a few minutes and then drain off the water. Put the beef in a frying pan and fry the back of the range and let it dry a little; then add a piece of butter and dredge a little flour over it, and stir until the flour is well mixed and smooth; add a little cream and serve hot.—*Boston Budget.*

Water ices: One cup of loaf sugar, with the juice of six lemons squeezed over it, half a pint of water, and a syrup made by boiling three-quarters of a pound of sugar in a little less than a pint of water; let the stand in a large earthen jar or dish for an hour and a half, then mix the lemon, etc., with it, strain it and freeze. If you wish to make this a pretty dish as well as pleasing to the taste, add the whites of eggs beaten to a froth, with powdered sugar mixed with them, put this on top of each glass.—*Boston Globe.*

—G. S. McCann stated to the Elmira (N. Y.) Farmers' Club that he found the limbs of the white oak much more durable for posts than the body of the tree. He had tried setting posts of oak and inverted, but could find no difference in their durability. Posts were found to last longest when set in clay soil beaten compactly about them to prevent the passage of water and to keep them in a uniform state of moisture. In gravelly soils, which permit them to become often water-soaked and again soon dry, they did not last long.

THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Valuable Suggestions Concerning the Construction of School Buildings.

The school-house should be pre-eminently the building of the locality, the exponent of the people's progress and intelligence, the pride of every citizen. Its site should be central, but never at the expense of healthfulness, proper size of grounds and freedom from noise. The grounds should have a moderate slope, with perfect facilities for sewerage and drainage.

The school-yard should be large enough for all sorts of games and sports which are now driven from the street. If space enough can not be found in the heart of a city or village, put the school where it can have ground. A great deal of thought should be given to the reason why the Swiss boys stood nine hours of daily study better than the American boys did six, was because of the long walks and mountain climbs lying between their homes and their schools.

The light should be ample—the window space never less than one-fourth of the floor space. Surrounding buildings may sometimes necessitate as high as forty feet can. The windows should be large, or in groups, and furnished with curtain or blinds. The most constant light is the north. The walls and ceilings should be delicately tinted, and have a surface that will absorb disease germs, and that can be readily washed.

The room should be thirty-two feet long, from twenty-five to twenty-eight feet wide, and not more than fourteen feet high. Forty pupils are enough for one room. The floor should be of hard, polished wood, this absorbs little, and is easily cleaned. If the rooms are heated by furnaces, these should be central, and of such size as to heat a large quantity of warm air. The temperature should be nearly the same in all parts of the room, and never vary more than five degrees between the floor and ceiling.

The arrangements for ventilation should be such that each pupil should have at least fifteen hundred cubic feet of fresh air every hour. The windows, except in mild weather, should never be suddenly opened for ventilation. The pure air should be constantly supplied. The demands of sanitary science should be incessantly urged, until the best system of ventilation is adopted in every school in the land.

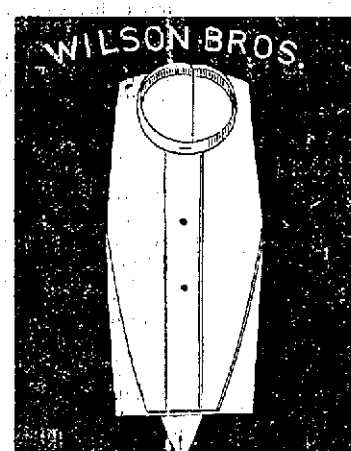
The hall should be large. Each schoolroom should have its own cloak room, properly warmed and ventilated. The closets should be within doors, and be neat and attractive.—*P. W. Search, in Sanitarian.*

—A writer in the *Journal of Mental Science* gives the results of a series of experiments to determine the comparative action of coffee and alcohol. He finds that while alcohol increases the production of heat, it really lowers the bodily temperature by virtue of exaggerated radiation. The caffeine in coffee, however, preserves the heat, and thus, if given in conjunction with alcohol, restrains the tendency of the latter to lower the temperature.

An End to Bone Scraping.
Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Pa., says: "I have resorted to much relief from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. I have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well. Electric Bitters are sold at 50 cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c per box at Swearingen & Hubbard's."

Grand St. Louis Excursion.
The Illinois Central Railway will run a special train to St. Louis, Monday, Sept. 20th, for the benefit of Knights Templars, their families and friends. Leaves Decatur at 2:30 p. m., arrives at St. Louis 7 p. m. Fare \$5.00 for round trip. Tickets good returning until Sept. 25th. C. F. HILDEBRETH, Ticket Agent.

THE WILSON BROS.



WHITE DRESS SHIRTS

Need no introduction to the public. Their success has been achieved through their merits.

First, they are made from the best materials.

Second, the best skilled labor is used, and consequently the result obtained makes it the BEST FITTING and WEARING SHIRT in the United States. It has the advantage of doing away with the annoyance of armlets, the sleeves varying in length to suit short or long arms.

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Sole Agent in Decatur, and furnisher of the best values in Clothing for Men and Boys, and dealer in Fine Furnishing Goods.

TO-DAY

—AT—

BRADLEY BROS.' NEW YORK STORE,

You will find HUNDREDS OF REMNANTS of Piece Goods of Every Description marked down to CLOSE OUT THE LOT. SILKS, VELVETS, Henrietta Cloths, Cashmeres, Tricots, Velours, Bourettes, Ladies' Cloths, FLANNELS, Tickings, MUSLINS and Lawns, are all marked so low that we will be compelled to refuse cutting remnants this week.

BRADLEY BROS.'

ONLY TWO CASES

—OF—

Heavy White Underwear

—TO SELL FOR—

10 CENTS A PIECE

—AT—

CHEAP CHARLEY'S

Call Before They are All Gone.

A Grand Exhibition

Of all the latest styles of fall foot wear for ladies, gents and children. Our mammoth store is now filled with the largest stock of Boots and Shoes ever brought to Decatur. J. H. Black & Son have been, and will continue to be, the leaders of the shoe trade. We keep what the people want, and our object is to please our customers. We can do this better than any shoe firm in the city, as we carry the largest stock of boots and shoes to select from. Our prices are guaranteed to be the lowest, and warrant every pair of our goods. Don't forget the popular firm.

J. H. Black & Son.

156-157 N. Broadway.

Telephone 163.

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Stomach and Bowel Complaints.

Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Crampy Colic, &c., are very common now. There is nothing better for these than Dr. Chapman's Cholera Balm. Keep a bottle on hand to use when the first symptoms are felt, and thus save much suffering and perhaps your life. Sold in Decatur by Dr. A. J. Stoner and W. C. Armstrong.

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PUSH CLOAKS.

Superior fast dye P.USH CLOAKS, that cannot be equalled for beauty and cheapness. Don't buy until you look at them.

LINA & SONS.

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The finest line of gait shoes in the city at J. H. Black & Son's.

For sale by Spencer, Lehman & Co.

Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps and Iron

Force Pumps.

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GRANTSTOWN, Saxony, Spanish and

Spragfield, Ohio yarns in tow. There is

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If you have any hose to be repaired,

take it to J. H. Black & Son's.

For Sale—by Spencer, Lehman & Co.

the old reliable Peter S. Sutter Wagon.

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New Carrots.

New Carrots, of the very latest pro-

ductions in Brussels, Velvets and In-

grains, just received at

LINA & SONS.

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Society Antiques Cards.

I have just received a large and elegant

assortment of samples of embossed ad-

dress cards for all societies. Prices low.

Call on me at Remond's job rooms.

J. W. LYON.

The regular sessions at the Business

College will begin Sept. 1.

a25-d1t

Business and Horrocks have just received

another lot of Ladies' Strap Slip-

pers. They are very popular.

d1t

Hanging Lamps.

New style, largest variety and lowest

prices, buyers will now find at Wingate's

Lamp Store, Central Block, Merchant

street.

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LADIES' pebble goat shoes from \$1.25

to \$2.50 at J. H. Black & Son's.

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ARMOUR & CO.,

STAR HAMS. STAR BACON.

Delicious Flavor.

No pains are spared to make these meats THE BEST that can be produced.

People of EPICUREAN TASTES are highly pleased with them.

If your Grocer or Marketman do not keep them, send direct to Armour & Co., Chicago.

Aug 18-d&w1m

P. PERL

Excursion to Clear Lake, Iowa, via P.

H. & P. Ry.

Parties anticipating a trip to the above

named point will do well to call on the under-

signed for routes, rates and other informa-

tion. Tickets now on sale. J. N. ARMSTRONG, City Pass Agent.

21-21t

HALF-FARE.

The Prices Line will run three Harvest

trains to Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Min-

neapolis, Duluth, Superior, and other points

on the Northern Pacific Railway. Tickets on

these trains will be sold at half fare. For

further particulars call on the Ticket Agent

at the Depot.

C. F. HILDEBRETH, Ticket Agent.

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Old Fellows' Excursion to Boston.

Train leaves Decatur via L. C. R. R. at 12:41

Friday night. Tickets for round trip, \$16.

Information and tickets can be procured of

Geo. W. Patterson at Sherman's clothing store.

Chicago Exposition.

The Illinois Central R. R. will sell excursion

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